



The Head Teacher's Fortnightly Newsletter Friday 18th January



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the beginning of the Spring Term! I hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas with your families and a very **happy new year!**

On the last day of the autumn term we recognised the children who had received **exceptional attendance** for the Autumn Term through our 'Easterside Experience'. We created a 'Cinema' experience for them, with a big screening of a film with drinks, sweets and crisps. In total there were **150 children** who received the award, from reception through to Year 6. This is a **fantastic achievement** and we **thank you** for your continued support with attendance! **Roary the lion** also came in to see the children with exceptional attendance and pulled a child's name from the hat to win tickets to the **Boro match** on Boxing Day! We have just done this again and given another child with exceptional attendance, tickets for the Boro match on the 19th January. There will be lots more opportunities for pupils to win tickets throughout the year!

Best Wishes
Mrs D Linacre

Attendance

Week Beg: **07/01/19** and **14/01/19**.

The information below tells you the attendance % for each class, for the last two weeks.

Class	%	%
1	98.2	96.4
2	95.1	96.1
3	88.3	95.0
4	96.6	95.8
5	90.7	98.5
6	99.1	99.5
7	97.4	98.2
8	99.1	95.6
9	96.1	98.2
10	90.0	66.6
11	95.2	98.8
12	98.6	98.8

The classes have been coded against the national average.

Red – Way below average
Yellow – Below average
Green – Average or above

Punctuality

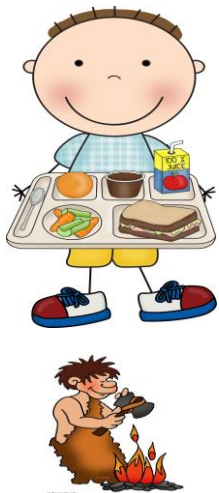
The information below tells you how many times a child has been late at each Key Stage in the last two weeks.

Rec/KS1	KS2
13	29
14	18

Please make sure your child comes to school on time!

School Lunches

As you know, from January 1st 2018, the catering staff at Easterside Academy TUPED over from Middlesbrough Council and become employees of Easterside Academy and The Enquire Learning Trust (ELT). This means that school lunches are no longer provided by the local authority but will instead be provided by ourselves with the support of Mellors an external company that helps to manage all the school meals across ELT's schools. There have been some initial teething problems that were to be expected, but these are now ironing out and we are now looking at how the service provided can be improved further moving forward. The menus have been adapted to include the meals that we know the children love and these can now be found on the academy website.



New Learning Topics / Themes!

All the children have new exciting topics and enquiry questions in their classrooms this half term to engage them and make learning fun! Project homework has gone out and can also be found on the website. Y3 and 4 have already had an outdoor experience round our fire pit, beginning to look at Stone Age life. You should all have received your newsletters so you can find out about what your child will be learning this coming term!



GIFTS FOR GAMBIA

Some of you may know that in Year 5 and 6 we

write letters to children in a school in Gambia. Sue, a lady that visits us and liaises between the two schools, last week, also came and collected some school resources that we are donating to our Gambia school. We can't wait for her to show us photographs of the children receiving them! We know they will be very much appreciated!

Staff and governors are committed to the safeguarding and wellbeing of all the children in their care.